

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1678
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OCTANE TESTING FACILITIES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sufficient octane testing facilities does not exist in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Gujarat and NGOs have shown their interest to share the cost of setting up of laboratories; and
- (c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) : No, Sir. Sufficient octane testing facilities are available in the State of Gujarat.
- (b) : Government of Gujarat has requested for financial assistance for establishment of an independent laboratory to be run by Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC), Ahmedabad to check the adulteration of petroleum products in the State. The total cost of setting up of the laboratory is about Rs.12.00 crores. The State Government has requested to provide 50% contribution i.e. Rs.6.00 crores for the said purpose while the State Government and CERC would bear the cost at the rate of 25% each.
- (c) : As sufficient facilities for octane testing quality of petroleum products are available in Gujarat, the Government is of the view that a separate set up is not required.